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"How did King Solomon get such a reputation for wisdom?"
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The Red Envelope
Revelations of An Ambassador-at-Large
Transcribed by H. M. Egbert from the private papers of an Englishman who for a time was an unofficial diplomat in the most secret service of the British Government.

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I happened to be in Tokyo at the time of what is called, in inner diplomatic circles, the Household Plot. I was nearly successful in convincing the United States and Japan only have men know in detail. The first of these is Sir Arthur Sturt, the British ambassador to the Japanese court. The second is the Chinese minister. The third is myself. The fourth is Count Okuma, the astute one moving west, since Mutsuhito's death can be conceived as longer, Yoshihito will be notified of his accession to the throne. The document will undoubtedly be presented to the American minister at the palace, the count occupying the suite of the minister in waiting there.

It may be strange that the heir to the throne could have been kept two days in ignorance of his father's death—strange, but not to one aware that the emperor, as a divine being, may not be touched, or even seen, by the members of his own family, except at his death.

I could picture the dead monarch behind the drawn screens in the death chamber, the doctor, fearfully performing the last medical rites and the imperial family, waiting in antechambers for their god's permission to bid him farewell before his translation to the celestial spheres.

"My information," continued Sir Arthur, "comes from the Chinese minister, who vouches for its accuracy. As you know, he is a warm friend of America, and he has methods of his own for making such discoveries. The Chinese spy system is greatly in evidence of the Japanese. Yet I am a little uneasy for fear of some public trick having been laid for me, and I am anxious to obtain your advice, on account of your acquaintance with the inner affairs of Japanese court life."

His excellency's reference to my attitude, when it was said, I believe, that I was the only European acquainted with the ramifications of political intrigue in what was still called the Hermit kingdom, touched me. Sir Arthur had a good memory, when he chose to give it play. Still, these were the early days of Meiji, as the new era is called, and things are different now.

"In brief," continued the ambassador, "the Chinese minister asks me to place myself in the hands of Doctor Fong, the third court physician. Did you ever hear of him?"

Hear of Fong? A shadowy figure suddenly leaped into my mind, perfectly outlined. I remembered Doctor Fong perfectly.

An accomplished Chinese scholar, he had been employed years before in the medical department of the Japanese legation in Peking. What his ties had been is immaterial; but he was connected—falsely, I believe, with the mysterious death of the predecessor of the late empress dowager, T'ai-An, the first wife of the penultimate emperor of the extinct dynasty.

He had been put on trial for murder, but had been acquitted, and had become head of the department of tropical medicine at the University of Osaka. The government subsequently removed him from his post, and he had lived a lonely and embittered life, blaming the cause of his downfall upon Count Okuma. The knowledge of this made me believe that Fong would prove a genuine service to us.

I knew that the late emperor's mysterious disease had been a form of beriberi, a malignant, chronic kind peculiar to the island of Hondo, and I surmised that Doctor Fong's knowledge of tropical diseases had brought him back to favor as one of the imperial attendants. I communicated all these facts to Sir Arthur, and he said to the palace at once?"

"Each of the ambassadors has a suite set apart for him there, and we can interview our man unmolested."

I assented at once, and a few minutes later, we were bowing through "riches" to the palace grounds, and shortly afterward we were in the ambassador's quarters, consisting of two or three spacious rooms on the second floor.

Although there was no outward sign of lamentation, something in the atmosphere of the interior showed that the news of Mutsuhito's death had already become a place of sore property. There was gloom upon the faces of the palace attendants, shuffling to and fro along the corridors in their felt slippers. At the far end of the long passage, at the back entrance to the state apartments, we saw an anxious throng assembled, and as we were about to enter the ambassador's rooms, we saw the crowd suddenly prostrate itself as a tiny lady, attired in a European court dress, with low neck and sweeping train upheld by four pages, passed by.

"Her highness, the royal concubine, Otsu," explained the ambassador. "Let's get inside before we meet her. Something out requires tact in meeting certain court situations, don't you know?"

Inside the rooms a tall man, with a clean-shaven, anxious face, was seated beside the fire, reading the Daily Herald. As we entered, he sprang to his feet, and I recognized the American minister.

"How do you do, Sir Arthur?" he cried heartily. "Have you heard the news? His majesty is dying, and I feel round to be in attendance."

"Yes, it is very sad," said Sir Arthur solemnly.

"His case is considered hopeless, I believe," continued the American minister, "at least I met Count Okuma on my way, and he looked very despondent. What a charming, enlightening, in spite of his preoccupation, that I was almost tempted to suggest calling in Doctor Phelps, of our legation, who took his degree at Johns Hopkins. However—would you have suggested it?"

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"I am infinitely obliged to you, my dear colleague," replied Sir Arthur, shaking him warmly by the hand.

"Do you know," he said to me, when the minister had gone, "that sort of man makes the best possible ambassador? Directness, guilelessness are actually puzzling for the sophisticated Japanese mind. However—here is my friend."

Doctor Fong was just entering the doorway, and though it was years since I had seen him, I knew him immediately. The yellow, wrinkled skin looked as much like parchment, the wily, thin mustache still drooped wisely on either side of the sensitive mouth, and the eyes, behind their heavy convex lenses, were shrewd, kindly, and yet implacable.

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ly," said Sir Arthur. "He understands the entire situation, and thoroughly indorses your ability."

"I am delighted," murmured Fong, in his monotonous, soft tone. "And now, we will begin by trusting one another completely in this affair. It is your excellency's desire to obtain a certain document now in the possession of a distinguished diplomatist?"

"It can be done honestly," said Sir Arthur. "I mean," he added, "I cannot countenance any objectionable methods. Confound it, Doctor Fong, we have got to get possession of that document before sundown," he added "What is it?"

"Upon the person of the distinguished diplomatist," answered the doctor.

"How can you get it?"

"Will you permit me to show your excellency in pantomime?" inquired Fong.

"Certainly," said Sir Arthur, growing evidently interested as he saw the doctor take a small phial from his pocket, half full of a clear, slightly opalescent liquid. "You are not planning to chloroform me, I hope?" he continued. "I cannot countenance."

"Chloroform?" murmured Doctor Fong contemptuously. "We discarded chloroform in B. C. 1774. There is no need to use chloroform, nor the opportunity. Besides, it always requires methodical application, and cannot be used by a man against his will. No." He picked up a piece of note paper that lay upon the table. "This represents the document, your excellency, and you are now delivering it to me. Hold it firmly in your right hand, so now have the goodness to look carefully at this vial. Observe the twinkling lights—"

I thought at first that Doctor Fong was trying to hypnotize the ambassador, for he held the vial close under his face. Then I saw that Sir Arthur was standing as rigid as a statue, his eyes fixed firmly upon the vial; but there was not the smallest expression upon his face, and he was as rigid as a catatonic. I knew that catatony cannot be induced immediately by hypnosis. I could not detect the slightest odor from the vial.

Doctor Fong opened the ambassador's fingers and took the phial. Then he turned toward the table, he took up a pen and wrote something upon it. Then he replaced it between Sir Arthur's fingers, recoiled the vial, and placed it in his pocket. Half a minute later I saw that Sir Arthur's muscles were rigid, and his face came back to his former expression.

"But you have taken it away," he said.

"The vial?" inquired the doctor blandly.

"You asked me to look at it," said Sir Arthur.

"No, no, your excellency. I should have said, look at the paper," replied Doctor Fong.

Upon the other side was written: "This is to certify that I have complete confidence in Doctor Fong."

"You are not conscious of the lapse of any interval of time since I began this experiment, your excellency?" Fong inquired.

"You have been asleep for a couple of minutes," I explained, as Sir Arthur looked from the paper to us in bewilderment. And it took a couple of minutes more before we could get him to understand. Then Fong explained.

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Transcribed by H. M. Egbert from the private papers of an Englishman who for a time was an unofficial diplomat in the most secret service of the British Government.

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I happened to be in Tokyo at the time of what is called, in inner diplomatic circles, the Household Plot. How nearly it succeeded in enrolling the United States and Japan only five men know in detail. The first of these is Sir Arthur Sturt, the fifth ambassador to the mikado's court. The second is the Chinese minister. The third is myself. The fourth is Count Okuma, the astute octogenarian statesman, who has been a moving power in Japanese affairs since the reform era began—or was, until the events that I shall describe occurred. The fifth is Doctor Fong, and where he is nobody knows.

"I was not in Japan in any official capacity. I was there renewing my acquaintance with old scenes and persons, when Sir Arthur, from whom I had parted the night before, on the occasion of Lady Sturt's reception, and as I thought, probably forever—since I was planning to sail for Shanghai—sent for me by a special embassy messenger."

"I knew that some matter of the gravest import must have happened to cause him to summon me at eight o'clock in the morning. The cause was partly revealed, however, when, on bringing me my breakfast, my Chinese boy informed me that his master, Mutsuhito, emperor of Japan, was dying."

"I had heard of the precarious condition of his health, and that the fatal climax of his wasting disease might occur at almost any time; still, the shock seemed to have been very sudden, for when I said good-by to Sir Arthur, the evening before, his majesty was reported to be in excellent health."

"I had a ricksha called and hastily made my way into the embassy compound, where the ambassador's secretary was awaiting me with a very grave expression upon his face."

"You have heard the news?" he asked. "His majesty?"

"Is dead!" I exclaimed. "He has been dead two days," he answered.

This news was confirmed by Sir Arthur, who looked even graver as he motioned me to a chair. "I am," he began, "that you have a more intimate acquaintance with the court life of Japan than any man since Bertram Mitford."

"Your excellency is very kind," I began, but Sir Arthur cut me short. "This is no time for compliments," he interrupted brusquely. "I have just been informed that the emperor's death has been kept secret these two days for the gravest reasons. You and I, however, personally acquainted with Count Okuma?"

"As everybody knows," I answered. For Count Okuma, stumbling around on his wooden legs—the other was destroyed years ago by a fanatic's bomb; Okuma, the friend of foreigners, the man whose affection of the simple life led him to carry home his own laundry; Okuma, the patron of western learning, the wisest and most astute of the complex-minded advisers of the late emperor, was the most accessible and friendly of men."

"I am, indeed, beyond the possibility of doubt," said the ambassador, "that Okuma has now in his pocket an ultimatum to be presented to the American minister this afternoon, at the palace."

I saw at once the meaning of the conspiracy of silence. Mutsuhito, of course, would never have sanctioned war with the United States, and yet, as Yushiko, his heir, and now in theory, though not in fact, emperor of Japan, was even more firmly pro-American. The interregnum, thus artificially created, was to be utilized by Count Okuma and the cabal which he had formed for the purpose of an attack upon the Philippines.

"The name of his late majesty was forged to this document, which is written on a remarkable thick red state paper," continued Sir Arthur. "Japan demands that the United States evacuate the Philippines within a week. And you see how this affects Great Britain."

I certainly did. As a treaty ally of Japan, England would be compelled to stand aside, if she did not participate in the attack, impotent to aid America in her active war against the constructed alliance with Japan, or at least an alliance with her treachery, and the people of the United States, stung to the quick, would certainly declare war upon England, with results incalculably evil to humanity.

And with all respect to the valor of American arms, how could the Philippines be taken? Japan would be, as all strategists are aware, a military impossibility. Manila must fall long before reinforcements arrived; and, without a base, without adequate transportation facilities, how could the United States hope to throw an army of half a million men into the archipelago, to capture successfully with the war-trained veterans of Japan?

Nay, assuming a base on a nearby island, how could that country transport more than fifty thousand troops at a single voyage, and how could these fifty thousand hold out while the transports went back for more? It is the old story of the fox, the goose and the bag of oats."

"Why, then, I have always strongly urged the abandonment of the Philippines, which will one day prove a bitter disillusionment to the United States."

Now I realized the ramifications of the conspiracy. It was for this purpose that the war syndicate, which was seeking to embroil England and America on behalf of Germany, had

taken up the latest Japanese loan at four per cent, instead of the five which the imperial government had had to pay for its last issue. The scheme was as clear as daylight.

"You understand the situation, no doubt," said Sir Arthur, who had been watching my face closely. "Entirely, your excellency," I answered. "It is necessary for us to obtain that document before the count can present it."

"Yes, which means before sundown, when, since Mutsuhito's death can be concealed no longer, Yoshiko, his heir, will be proclaimed to the throne. The document will undoubtedly be presented to the American minister at the palace, the count occupying the suite of the minister in waiting there."

It may be strange that the heir to the throne could have been kept two days in ignorance of his father's death—strange to one ignorant of Japanese court life, but not to one aware that the emperor, as a divine being, may not be touched, or even seen, by the members of his own family, except at his death."

I could picture the dead monarch behind the drawn screens in the death chamber; the doctor, fearfully performing the last medical rites; the emperor, waiting in another chamber for their permission to bid him farewell before his translation to the celestial spheres."

"My information," continued Sir Arthur, "comes from the Chinese minister, who vouches for its accuracy. As you know, he is a warm friend of America, and he has methods of his own for making such discoveries. The Chinese spy system is greatly to be feared. I am a little uneasy for fear of some subtle trick having been laid for me, and I am anxious to obtain your advice, on account of your acquaintance with the inner affairs of Japanese court life."

His excellency's reference to my attitude days, when it was said, I believe, that I was the only European acquainted with the ramifications of political intrigue in what was still called the Mikado's Kingdom, touched me. Sir Arthur had a good memory, when he chose to give it play. Still, those were the early days of Meiji, the new era is called, and things are different now.

"In brief," continued the ambassador, "the Chinese minister asks me to place myself in the hands of Doctor Fong, the third court physician. Did you ever hear of him?"

"Hear of Fong? A shadowy figure suddenly leaped into my mind, perfectly outlined. I remembered Doctor Fong perfectly."

An accomplished Chinese scholar, he had been employed years before in the medical department of the Japanese legation in Peking. What his duties had been is immaterial; but he was connected—falsely, I believe, with the mysterious death of the predecessor of the late emperor, Emperor Taishan, the first wife of the prelate emperor of the extinct dynasty."

Fong had been put on trial for murder, had been acquitted and had later become head of the department of tropical medicine at the University of Osaka. The government subsequently removed him from his post, and he had lived a lonely and embittered life, blaming the cause of his downfall upon Count Okuma. The knowledge of this made me believe that Fong would prove of genuine service to us."

I knew that the late emperor's mysterious disease had been a form of beriberi, a malignant, chronic kind peculiar to the island of Hondo, and I surmised that Doctor Fong's knowledge of tropical diseases had brought him back to favor one of the imperial attendants who communicated all these facts to Sir Arthur."

"Then will you accompany me to the palace at once?" he asked me. "Each of the ambassadors has a suite set apart for him there; and we can interview our man unmolested."

I assented at once, and a few minutes later, we were standing in the street, in one of the embassy "rickshas." A run of thirty minutes brought us to the palace grounds, and shortly afterward we were in the ambassador's quarters, consisting of two or three spacious rooms on the second floor.

Although there was no outward sign of lamplight, something in the atmosphere of the interior showed that the news of Mutsuhito's death had already been made common property. There was gloom upon the faces of the palace attendants, shuffling to and fro along the corridors in their felt slippers. At the far end of the long passage, at the back entrance to the palace grounds, we saw a group of men, some in military uniforms, some in civilian dress, and some in the European court dress, with low neck and sweeping train upheld by four pages, passed by.

"Her highness, the royal concubine, Oshichi," explained the ambassador, "Let's get inside before we meet her. Sometimes one requires tact in meeting certain court situations, don't you know?"

Inside the rooms a tall man, with a clean-shaven, anxious face, was seated beside the fire, reading the Daily Herald. As we entered, he sprang to his feet, and I recognized the American minister."

"How do you do, Sir Arthur?" he cried heartily. "Have you heard the news? His majesty is dying. I got the tip from my Chinese boy, and hurried round to be in attendance."

"Yes, it is very sad," said Sir Arthur solemnly. "His case is considered hopeless, I

believe," continued the American minister. "At least I met Count Okuma on my way, and he looked very despondent. What a charming, enlightened man the count is! He was so friendly, in spite of his preoccupation, that I was almost tempted to suggest calling in Doctor Phibes, of our legation, who took his degree at Johns Hopkins. However—would you have suggested it?"

"It is always a little dubious, making suggestions," said Sir Arthur thoughtfully. "But Count Okuma is so transparently simple—just like one of us," said the American minister. "I really wanted—however, I've no doubt these Japanese doctors are competent to handle the situation. I won't keep you, Sir Arthur, but if I hear of any developments in the situation, I shall let you know at once."

"I am infinitely obliged to you, my dear colleague," replied Sir Arthur, shaking him warmly by the hand.

"Do you know," he said to me, when the minister had gone, "that sort of man makes the best possible ambassador? Directness, guilelessness, are awfully puzzling for the sophisticated Japanese mind. However—here is our friend."

Doctor Fong was just entering the doorway, and, though it was years since I had seen him, I knew him immediately. The yellow, wrinkled skin looked as much like parchment as ivory, thin mustache still drooped blackly on either side of the sensitive mouth, and the eyes, behind their heavy convex lenses, were shrewd, kindly, and yet impenetrable.

Doctor Fong murmured my name as he shook hands with me. "I see you have a long memory for faces, doctor," said Sir Arthur. "I never forget anything," replied Fong quickly.

"Mr. X— is to be trusted implicitly."

"You asked me to look at it," said Sir Arthur. "No, no, your excellency. I should have said, look at the paper," replied Doctor Fong.

Sir Arthur turned the paper up. Upon the other side was written: "This is to certify that I have complete confidence in Doctor Fong."

"You are not conscious of the lapse of any interval of time since I began this experiment, your excellency?" Fong inquired.

"You have been asleep for a couple of minutes," I explained, as Sir Arthur looked from the paper to us in bewilderment. And it took a couple of minutes more before we could get him to understand. Then Fong explained.

"Extract of veratrin," he explained, taking out the vial and tapping it with his long forefinger. "The Fong moon headhunters are acquainted with its peculiar properties. In China we use something better. However, this enables them to get heads. The drug not only produces immediate unconsciousness, when inhaled—it was inhaling it when you thought you were looking at it—but there is no remembrance, after awakening, of anything that has happened since the first inhalation."

All the innate phariseism of the Englishman came to the surface as Sir Arthur answered: "I can't countenance that method, doctor," he said, a little pompously, and I thought, a little humiliated. "But if you think you can get the document?"

"I understand, your excellency," replied Doctor Fong blandly. "The document is the first consideration, after which we will proceed to analyze the means we have employed. By the way, his majesty's end is expected at any moment now, and I must return to my post of duty. You can trust me, your excellency," he added, as he bowed himself through the door.

At five o'clock we were still in Sir Arthur's quarters. The American minister had returned twice, to inform us that Mutsuhito was at death's door. The French minister had looked in to tell Sir Arthur that, according to a palace rumor, the emperor had died early in the afternoon. At the end of the corridor the crowd of courtiers was constantly prostrating itself as one or other of the royal ladies and imperial princes passed into the mikado's anteroom.

It was a few minutes after five when a distant murmur, like the dropping of bees, made itself audible in the hall, and a moment later a mourning din. The emperor was officially dead.

The sound of lamentations filled the palace. From our window we could see that a vast throng had assembled in the grounds, and, rippling from one to another, the sound was taken up until it seemed as though the entire people walked in unison.

"Count Okuma is ready to strike. Heaven grant that Fong does not fail us," said Sir Arthur, turning to me. Then, doubtfully: "Can you assure me on your honor that I was rendered unconscious?"

Before I could assure him, a tap sounded on the door, and a page appeared. He announced that Count Okuma requested the honor of Sir Arthur's presence in the apartment.

We went down the corridor in the page's wake, until we came to the little room that Okuma occupied. It was filled with the ambassadors and ministers of the various powers.

It was furnished with a Spartan simplicity, which Okuma, who was a good deal of a demagogue, affected, hoping thereby to set an example of frugality to the rising generation, and ignorant, like all demagogues, that the people saw through his pose. There was a low Japanese couch, concealed in part by a low screen, a bronze Buddha upon a pedestal, a charcoal box, a hibachi, a writing table, a desk heaped high with papers, and a number of chairs.

I perceived that the American minister alone was absent.

Count Okuma was seated at his desk, facing us, his wooden leg thrust out before him, and an expression of remarkable guilelessness on his smooth-shaven face.

"Gentlemen," said the count, rising, "I have the deep sorrow of announcing to you the demise of his imperial majesty, the late emperor."

Immediately each of the representatives, Sir Arthur included, produced a written memorandum of condolence, which he handed to the count with a bow and a few conventional words. It was an interesting comedy, not the least amusing part being Okuma's ex-

pression of surprise and pleasure at these tokens of international sympathy with Japan.

As we were about to leave, among the others, Count Okuma called to Sir Arthur and asked him to remain behind.

"One moment, Sir Arthur," he said, with a charming smile. "It is to be my pleasure to address a communication to your colleague from Washington, who will be here in a moment, and, as our ally, it would be felicitous for you to be present."

He looked keenly into Sir Arthur's face as he spoke, and I saw that the British ambassador's expression was almost as guileless as the count's.

We waited. Presently we heard footsteps in the farther end of the passage. The American minister was on his way to the count's room.

Okuma, turning from us, began to rummage among the heap of papers upon the desk before him, which appeared to consist largely of bills and household receipts, until he came upon a red envelope, of legal size, unopened, and evidently containing the ultimatum.

He tore it in his hand and stood, propping himself upon his wooden leg, his whole expression that of a charming man of the world. (If the momentous minute affected him, there was no sign of it in his aspect. And the footsteps were drawing nearer.)

Suddenly the face of Doctor Fong appeared at the door. He bowed low before the count; for the first time, I saw the count's expression change.

Did he suspect Fong at that moment and conceal the news of his treachery against him? It was one of those dramatic moments when nothing is said, nothing done, and yet one seems to feel the thoughts of others.

Fong walked straight to the count. "His imperial highness," he began, and held the vial beneath his nose.

The expression that had been on Count Okuma's face was still there, but it seemed to have been frozen there, and he remained in exactly the same position as he had occupied, slightly leaning upon his wooden leg, the envelope between his fingers.

"Good Lord! Was I like that?" I heard Sir Arthur whisper, as Fong gently opened the count's fingers and took the envelope.

I heard the slight click as the thumb and fingers came together again.

Hastily Fong slipped the inclosure out of the envelope. From the desk he grabbed up a bill or letter, which he placed inside. I did not see what he did with the document, but when he turned back, his hands were empty.

"Could your excellency find some pretext to hold the American minister at the door for a minute?" Fong asked.

Sir Arthur stepped hastily into the doorway, where the minister was just arriving. I saw Fong slip the vial back into the pocket and replace the red envelope between the frozen count's fingers. And then, as the door stopped back, I saw the count's consciousness return as instantly as a ripple across a pond. Every nerve resumed its functions at the same moment.

"I greatly indebted to a consequence of his majesty's translation," continued Fong.

"I greatly regret to hear it," answered the count. "I shall prostrate myself before her later in the afternoon. You are attending her carefully."

"With the utmost care," answered the Chinaman, retreating obsequiously backward.

And it was evident that Count Okuma had not the slightest suspicion of what had happened. Sir Arthur had stepped hastily back to his side and the American minister was in the room.

"I have the great sorrow of announcing to you, sir, the demise of his imperial majesty, ten minutes ago," said Count Okuma to the minister.

With a few murmured words of sorrow the minister produced a written memorandum of condolence, which the count placed among the others on his desk.

"Your excellency," he continued, "there is a communication of some importance which I have to make to you on behalf of the imperial Japanese government. I do so, for reasons which this communication makes apparent in the presence of his excellency, the British ambassador."

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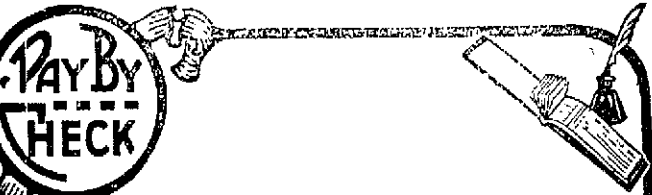
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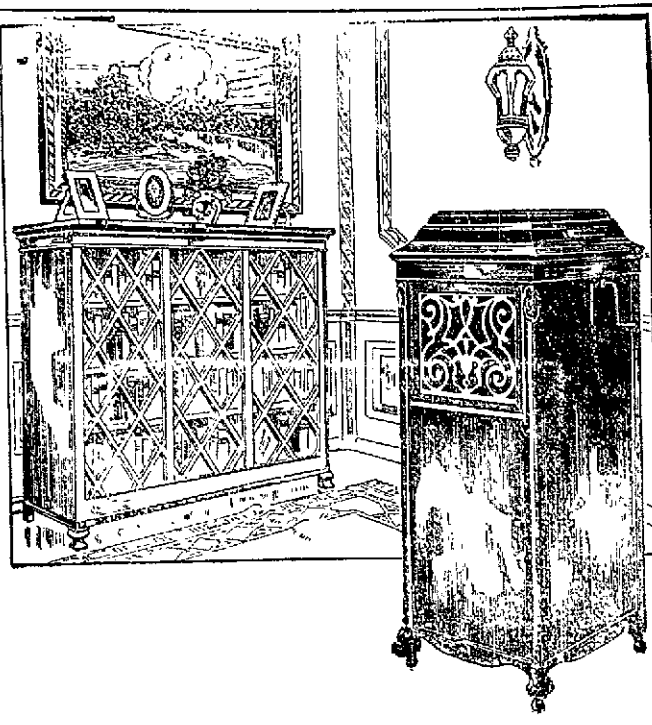
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1. Your Personal Check on this Bank filled out for the amount you are to bestow and backed by your deposit here.
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LOCAL ITEMS.

Miss Marie Nelson visited Catherine Voltz at Wausau Sunday.

Elmer Nelson is home from the University to spend the holidays with his parents.

Clarence Christensen is home from the University of Wisconsin to spend the holidays.

Miss Kate Sheridan of Necedah is visiting at the home of Mrs. Nan Schlatter.

Chief of Police, A. F. Gering of Marshfield is in the city Friday on business.

Harold Arpin is in Nebraska the past week on business for the Lincoln Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Herschleb of Appleton are guests at the H. A. Herschleb home.

Miss Laura Hackbarth spent several days the past week at the Garden home in Almond.

—Every woman should have a telephone table. Latest designs at J. W. Natwick's.

District Attorney Roberts was in Marshfield on Thursday on business connected with his office.

Mrs. Henry Knoll was called to Oshkosh on Friday by the death of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Wentworth.

Mrs. Meyer Friedman and sister have gone to Chicago to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Hugh Goggin, Jr., is able to be about again the not entirely recovered from her recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton have gone to Oshkosh to visit with Mrs. C. Hamilton and daughter Mabel.

Gertrude Golla who attends the University at Madison is home to spend the holidays with her parents.

Arthur Bonhoeffer, who attends college at Oak Park, Illinois, is home to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Fern Searls is home from Madison to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Seuch.

Mrs. W. Williams of Saratoga was a pleasant caller at the Tribune office on Thursday while in the city shopping.

Mrs. Charles Laramie expects to leave for Wausau on Monday where she will submit to a surgical operation.

Matt Carney was laid up several days the past week with an attack of grip. He is able to be about his work again.

Mrs. Peter McCamley and Mrs. Nell Johnson were in Vesper on Wednesday to visit their sister, Mrs. Jos. White.

Mrs. Fred Celsch of Milwaukee is in the city to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Karnatz during the holidays.

Carlton Stamm returned from Madison on Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stamm.

Miss Myrtle Killo, teacher in the public schools, was confined to the house with an attack of grip several days of last week.

George Smallbrook has sold his home on the west side to a party from the town of Sigel who will take possession at once.

Miss Antoinette Smith returned on Monday from a visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Frank Welland, at Thief River Falls.

Neal Conway who is attending college at Prairie du Chien is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Conway.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberts and son Walter of Bessemer, Mich., returned to their home Tuesday after a visit with Mrs. O. Denis.

Mrs. W. C. McGlynn was called to Cedar Rapids, Iowa Friday, having received word of the serious illness of Mrs. Douglas McGlynn.

The big chunk of coal in the coal office of D. E. Jones weighed 182 pounds. The correct weight was guessed by F. S. Gill and F. E. Meeker.

Ruth McCamley, who is attending Normal at Detroit, Mich., is spending her holiday vacation in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCamley.

Leslie Hougen, who is attending school in Stevens Point, is expected home this week to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. O. T. Hougen.

Howard Mulien and Neal Nash, who are attending Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., are home to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

H. G. Hambright and Thos. Spaulding of Marshfield were in the city on Wednesday evening to attend the session of the Wood County Bankers Association.

Mrs. R. R. Harvey, who has been visiting friends in this city and at Merrill during the past few weeks, left for Saratoga on Saturday to take up her work there again.

Waukesha Dispatch.—Rev. F. A. Pease, pastor of the M. E. church, was taken seriously ill on Tuesday, and it is reported he may have to submit to an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Roenius left on Friday for Birchwood in the eastern part of the state where they will visit with Mrs. Roenius' people over the Christmas holidays.

John W. Schmich of the town of Rudolph was among the pleasant callers at the Tribune office on Tuesday. Mr. Schmich reports that the sleighing is not first class out his way.

Word received in this city the past week from Fred Turbin, who went to Watrus, N. M., for the benefit of his health, is that he is getting along fine and has already gained two pounds in weight.

Miss Mary McMillan, who is teaching at River Falls, arrived home on Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McMillan. Miss Anna McMillan left New York Tuesday and is expected to arrive here tomorrow.

The Elks have issued invitations for a dancing party to be held at their hall Saturday afternoon and evening, January 1st. The entertainment will include dancing from 4 to 6 o'clock, followed by a recital by Mrs. Charlotte Lynn-Campbell, and dancing again from 8 to 12.

George Smallbrook returned on Monday evening from Wausau where he had been for several days to visit his wife at the hospital. Mrs. Smallbrook is getting along nicely since her operation several weeks ago, and arrangements are being made to bring her home for Christmas.

The engine was brought back from Necedah on Wednesday evening, and notwithstanding that the old engine has been running for many a year, it is said to have done noble work at the fire down there. The boys from here state that had they arrived at the scene of the conflagration promptly that they could have saved a lot of property, as the time they were delayed was just when they were needed the most.

—Save money by buying your furniture at J. W. Natwick's.

Henry Kluge of Milwaukee is in the city visiting relatives.

Roy Rogers has purchased a new Franklin Six touring car.

Mrs. Harry Karnatz has gone to Shawano to spend the holidays.

Miss Mayme Searls departed for Wautoma on Saturday where she will spend the holidays.

W. H. Getts transacted business in Marshfield on Tuesday for the F. MacKinnon Mfg. Co.

Atty A. J. Crowns has been laid up several days the past week with an attack of the grip.

Prof. M. H. Jackson was in Ripon on Sunday where he addressed the students of Ripon College.

Louis Troxell of Berlin has been a guest of his sisters, Mrs. A. I. Chambers and Mrs. Wm. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Arney left last week for Seymour where they will spend the holidays among relatives.

—Get the kiddies a box of Guth's Pure Sugar Stick Candy at Otto's. A 2 lb. box of absolutely pure candy for 37c.

Mr. C. LaVague and son of Merrill have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beimler for several days.

Miss Dess Richmond, who is teaching in the Merrill schools, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lucy Horton, for the holidays.

F. J. Wood and Atty. Theo. W. Hrazeau were in Wausau on Friday evening to take in the speech by Ex. President Taft.

Andrew Searls and daughter, Miss Mayme, returned on Friday from Altona where they had been to attend the funeral of a relative.

Joe Krause of Bruce, a brother of Mrs. Edward Hougen, is at the Riverside hospital where he submitted to an operation the past week.

The Daly Music Co. are selling quite a number of Edison Diamond Disc phonographs for Christmas presents.

Louis Peyrass is acting as agent for the Milwaukee road at Necedah during the temporary absence of the regular agent who is sick with scarlet fever.

Mrs. George Germanson has returned from a visit with her son Roy, at Echo, and her daughter, Mrs. Hagen, at Clintonville.

Miss Mattie Reichel, who is teaching at Black River Falls, is home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reichel.

Mrs. Kate Papin left on Monday for Milwaukee where she will spend the Christmas holidays visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Papin.

—Nothing will please her more than a box of the delicious Liggett's or Guth's candies for sale at Otto's Pharmacy. 45c to \$2.00 a box.

Misses Katherine Gibson and Dorothy Brandage, who are attending school in Madison, are home to spend the holidays among friends and relatives.

Louis Wollert and Martin Carlson of New Rome, Adams county, were among the pleasant callers at the Tribune office while in the city on business.

Leon Foley, who is attending the University of Wisconsin, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Foley, in this city.

Miss Fern Slattery leaves the latter part of the week for Sturgeon Bay where she will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Slattery.

Rev. H. W. Paultz returned on Monday from Prior Lake, Minn., where he has been to attend the funeral of his mother, who had reached the age of 68 years.

Drs. K. W. Deuge, J. C. Hayward and R. P. Potter of Marshfield were in the city on Thursday in attendance at the meeting of the Wood county physicians.

—We want you to try our Christmas Brew. It is a distinct flavor and is an especially nice beer. A case of it will be just the thing for the holidays.

John Mull, window trimmer at the Johnson & Hill Co. store, was under the weather for a couple of days during the past week, but is able to be around again.

Rev. R. J. Locke and son Robert went to Milwaukee Sunday evening to spend a few days with Mrs. Locke. That lady was reported to be a trifle better at last reports.

—Money to loan on good farm mortgages at 6 per cent interest. See Edward Poinville, the Real Estate man.

Miss Rose Freund and brothers, Guido and Clement, who attend college at Prairie du Chien are home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alois Freund.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gross and family of Madison arrived in the city on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with the Wm. Slattery family.

The annual meeting of the Seneca, Sigel and Rudolph Mutual Insurance company will be held at Vesper Tuesday, January 4, 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Vesper Opera House.

Miss Celia Emmmons, who was prostrated some time ago with a stroke of paralysis, is reported to be considerably better and there is every indication that she will entirely recover.

Earl Palmer of Marshfield, a former Grand Rapids boy who has been on the road for five or six years, has just returned home and has accepted a position as brakeman on the Northwestern railway.

Henry Levenson of the town of Port Edwards is having some of his timber sawed and will build a home at Port Edwards where he and his wife will reside, in case they can rent or sell their farm.

O. G. Malde of the Cranberry Experiment station, was a pleasant caller at the Tribune office on Tuesday while in the city on business. Mr. Malde reports everything in good condition down on the marsh, and says that they are getting ready to do some winter sanding.

Lee B. Margrey of Saratoga was among the pleasant callers at the Tribune office on Tuesday while in the city doing some Christmas shopping. Mr. Margrey reports the sleighing rather poor down his way owing to the dryness of the snow and the sand having worked to the surface in many places.

Last Saturday was a busy day for the local merchants, and the number of people on the streets on that day made it appear as if there was a circus in town, or something of that sort. The country people were especially in evidence, and it being the last Saturday before Christmas was probably the cause of the rush.

The annual Christmas party of the Green Bay Bridge Club was held on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. O. T. Hougen. One of the features of the evening's entertainment was a Christmas tree containing presents for each member of the party, which were distributed with great pleasure and amid considerable merriment. The evening was spent in playing auction bridge.

Leon Foley is assisting at Otto's Pharmacy this week.

W. F. Neitzer has purchased a Ford taxi of Jensen & Ebbo.

J. F. Seidl of Pittsville transacted business in the city on Wednesday.

J. H. Linderman of Kaukauna was in the city Saturday on business.

Hugo Snyder, who resides near the Packing plant is seriously ill with appendicitis.

Harold and Dean Babcock are home from Waukesha where they attended Carroll college.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gordon and daughter Helen will leave Friday for Tomah to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Alberts and family, who have heretofore resided at Vesper, have moved to this city to live.

Mrs. O. R. Moore left on Saturday for Baraboo where she will visit her parents over the Christmas holidays.

G. W. Henderson, a member of the Wood county Soldiers relief committee died at his home in Marshfield last week.

Scott Gardner, one of the teachers in the high school was taken ill with German measles the past week and left for his home in Plattville.

Marion Philbo and Margaret Ragan are home from Chicago where they attend Northwestern University, to spend the holidays with their parents.

Harry Hagstrom, who is employed on the Soo line at Stevens Point, is spending a couple of weeks with his parents in this city. Harry reports that business is brisk on the Soo and that some big shipments are being made over that line.

Joe Zabawa returned last week from western Minnesota where he had been operating a dredge during the past two months. The work was discontinued on account of cold weather and will be taken up again in the spring.

Farmers report that the sleighing during the past week has been pretty good notwithstanding the fact that the last snow that fell was rather coarse and sandy. While our farmers do not depend on sleighing for their winter's work as they did a number of years ago, still they find it pretty handy for getting a few loads of wood in and for doing other work of that character.

Fred Schnabel writes that he is on the entertainment committee for the democratic convention which will be held at St. Louis this coming summer, and wants all of his friends to come down during the convention and spend a few days with him. No doubt Fred would see that they were handled in proper shape if they went down to see him. It is understood that Fred is coming home to spend Christmas.

Professor C. J. Galpin of the college of agriculture at the University of Wisconsin has given out notice of a two days country life conference for Wood county, the same to be held in Marshfield, March 31, and April 1st. The conference, which is similar to a country life conference given to the members of the school, will be in charge of the Wood county training, agricultural and domestic science school and County Supt. Geo. Varnay.

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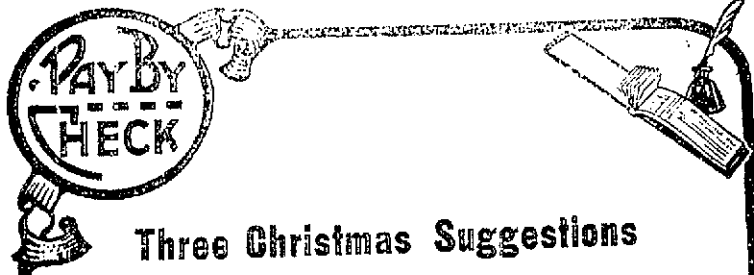
On Thursday and Friday we will give one-fourth off on all our Dolls and Toys—a big line. Come in and Save Money. Also big line of Candies. Your Christmas shopping will not be complete unless you call and see our stocks.

Miller's Bargain Store

West End of Bridge

Merry Christmas to All

W. C. WEISEL



Three Christmas Suggestions

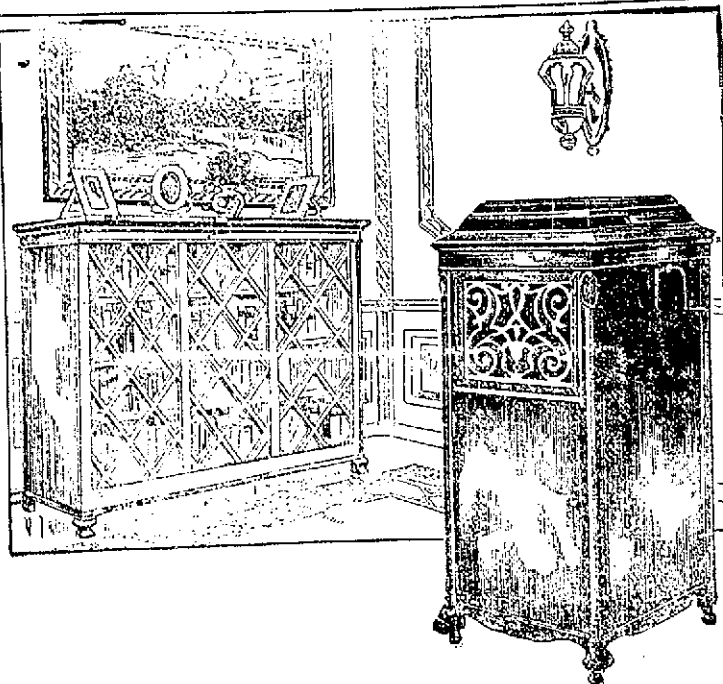
Here are three ways to give Gifts on Christmas morning having full 100 per cent value—

1. Your Personal Check on this Bank filled out for the amount you are to bestow and backed by your deposit here.
2. A Savings Bank Book with the first deposit entered and made out in the name of the person to receive it, on which the Bank allows 3 per cent interest.
3. A Certificate of Deposit bearing 3 per cent interest from date you make the deposit and having every element of security and desirability one wishes for in an investment.

Such gifts as these would please you—they will please you.

Bank of Grand Rapids

West Side



In The Home of The Cultured

Wherever good books are read—
Wherever good paintings are appreciated—
Wherever good music is understood—
There the Edison Diamond Disc is preferred.
For it Re-Creates the original. Not mechanically but musically—in just the way the music lover prefers.
It is the choice of those whose tastes are truly artistic.
Come in and let us play it for you. No obligation, of course.

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No Needles to Change Unbreakable Records

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Miss Marie Nelson visited Catherine Voltz at Wausau Sunday.

Elmer Nelson is home from the University to spend the holidays with his parents.

Clarence Christensen is home from the University of Wisconsin to spend the holidays.

Miss Kate Sheridan of Neeshah is visiting at the home of Mrs. Nan Schlatterer.

Chief of Police, A. F. Gerwing of Marshfield was in the city Friday on business.

Harold Arpin was in Nebraska the past week on business for the Arpin Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Herschleb of Appleton are guests at the H. A. Herschleb home.

Miss Laura Hackbart spent several days the past week at the Curden home in Almond.

Every woman should have a telephone table. Latest designs at J. W. Natwick's.

District Attorney Roberts was in Marshfield on Thursday on business connected with his office.

Mrs. Henry Knoll was called to Oshkosh on Friday by the death of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Wentworth.

Mrs. Meyer Friedman and sister have gone to Chicago to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Hugh Grogan, Jr., is able to be about again, tho' not entirely recovered from her recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton have gone to Oshkosh to visit with Mrs. C. Hamilton and daughter Mabel.

Gertrude Golla who attends the University at Madison is home to spend the holidays with her parents.

Arthur Penney, who attends college at Oak Park, Illinois, is home to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Fern Searls is home from Madison to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Searls.

Mrs. W. Williams of Saratoga was a pleasant caller at the Tribune office on Thursday while in the city shopping.

Mrs. Charles Lammie expects to leave for Wausau on Monday where she will submit to a surgical operation.

Matt Carey was laid up several days the past week with an attack of grip. He is able to be about his work again.

Mrs. Peter McCamley and Mrs. Nels Johnson were in Vesper on Wednesday to visit their sister, Mrs. Jos. White.

Mrs. Fred Getzlaff of Milwaukee is in the city to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Karnatz during the holidays.

Carlton Stamm returned from Madison on Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stamm.

Miss Myrtle Kito, teacher in the public schools, was confined to the house with an attack of grip several days of last week.

George Smallbrook has sold his home on the west side to a party from the town of Sigel who will take possession at once.

Miss Antoinette Smith returned on Monday from a visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Frank Welland, at Thief River Falls.

Neal Conway who is attending college at Prairie du Chien is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Conway.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberts and son Walter of Bessemer, Mich., returned to their home Tuesday after a visit with Mrs. O. Denis.

Mrs. W. C. McGlynn was called to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Friday, having received word of the serious illness of Mrs. Douglas McGlynn.

The big chunk of coal in the coal office of B. E. Jones weighed 162 pounds. The correct weight was guessed by F. S. Gill and F. E. Meeker.

Ruth McCamley, who is attending Normal at DeS Moines, is spending her holiday vacation in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCamley.

Leslie Housen, who is attending school in Stevens Point, is expected home this week to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. O. T. Housen.

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Henry Kluge of Milwaukee is in the city visiting relatives.

Roy Rogers has purchased a new Franklin Six touring car.

Mrs. Harry Karnatz has gone to Shawano to spend the holidays.

Miss Mayme Searls departed for Wautoma on Saturday where she will spend the holidays.

W. H. Getts transacted business in Marshfield on Tuesday for the F. MacKinnon Mfg. Co.

Atty A. J. Crowns has been laid up several days the past week with an attack of the grip.

Prof. M. H. Jackson was in Ripon on Sunday where he addressed the students of Ripon College.

Leola Troxell of Berlin has been a guest of her sisters, Mrs. A. I. Chambers and Mrs. Wm. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Arney left last week for Seymour where they will spend the holidays among relatives.

Get the kiddies a box of Otto's Pure Sugar Stick Candy at Otto's, 215 N. 2nd, box of absolutely pure candy for 37c.

Mrs. C. LaVague and son of Merrill have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belmiller for several days.

Miss Bess Richmond, who is teaching in the Merrill school, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lacy Horton, for the holidays.

F. J. Wood and Atty. Theo. W. Braunau were in Wausau on Friday evening to take in the speech by Ex. President Taft.

Andrew Searls and daughter, Miss Mayme, returned on Friday from Almond where they had been to attend the funeral of a relative.

Jos. Krause of Bruce, a brother of Mrs. Edward Houtgen, is at the River-view hospital where he submitted to an operation the past week.

The Daily Music Co. are selling quite a number of Edison Diamond Disc photographs for Christmas presents.

Louis Peyrou is acting as agent for the Milwaukee road at Nekeosha during the temporary absence of the regular agent who is sick with scarlet fever.

Mrs. George Gernsman has returned from a visit with her son Roy, at Elcho, and her daughter, Mrs. Hagen, at Clintonville.

Miss Hattie Reichel, who is teaching at Black River Falls, is home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reichel.

Mrs. Kate Popin left on Monday for Milwaukee where she will spend the Christmas holidays visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Popin.

Nothing will please her more than a box of the delicious Leggett & Gull's candies for sale at Otto's, 215 N. 2nd, 45c to \$2.00 a box.

Mrs. Katherine Gibson and Dorothy Brundage, who are attending school in Madison, are home to spend the holidays among friends and relatives.

Louis Wollert and Martin Carlson of New Richmond, Adams county, were among the pleasant callers at the Tribune office while in the city on business.

Leon Foley, who is attending the University of Wisconsin, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Foley, in this city.

Miss Fern Slattery leaves the latter part of the week for Sturgeon Bay where she will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Slattery.

Rev. R. W. Pautz returned on Monday from a visit to Lake Minn., where he had been to attend the funeral of his mother, who had reached the age of 68 years.

Mrs. K. W. Doege, J. C. Hayward and R. P. Potter of Marshfield were in the city on Thursday in attendance at the meeting of the Wood county physicians.

We want you to try our Christmas Brew. It has a distinct flavor and is an especially nice beer. A case of it will be just the thing for the holidays.

John Mull, window trimmer at the Johnson & Hill Co. store, was under the weather for a couple of days during the past week, but is able to be around again.

Rev. R. J. Locke and son Robert went to Milwaukee Sunday evening to spend a few days with Mrs. Locke. That day was reported to be a trifle better at last reports.

Money to loan on good farm mortgages at 6 per cent interest. See Edward Pomoinville, the Real Estate man.

Miss Rose Freund and brothers, Guido and Chas., who attend college at Prairie du Chien are home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alois Freund.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gross and family of Madison arrived in the city on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with the Wm. Slattery family.

The annual meeting of the Seneca, Sigel and Rudolph Mutual Insurance company will be held at Vesper Tuesday, January 4, 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Vesper Opera House.

Miss Celia Emmons, who was prostrated some time ago with a stroke of paralysis, is reported to be considerably better and there is every indication that she will entirely recover.

Earl Palmer of Marshfield, a former Grand Rapids boy who has been on the road for a candy house the past year, has again accepted a position as brakeman on the North-western railway.

Henry Lawrence of the town of Port Edwards is having some of his timber sawed and will build a home at Port Edwards where he and his wife will reside, in case they can rent or sell their farm.

O. G. Malde of the Cranberry Experiment station, was a pleasant caller at the Tribune office on Tuesday while in the city on business. Mr. Malde reports everything in good condition down on the marsh, and says that they are getting ready to do some winter sanding.

Lee B. Margrey of Saratoga was among the pleasant callers at the Tribune office on Tuesday while in the city doing some Christmas shopping. Mr. Margrey reports the sleighing rather poor down his way owing to the dryness of the snow and the fact that it has melted in many places.

Last Saturday was a busy day for the local merchants, and the number of people on the streets on that day made it appear as if there was a circus in town or something of that sort. The country people were especially in evidence, and it being the last Saturday before Christmas was probably the cause of the rush.

The annual Christmas party of the Green Bay Bridge Club was held on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. O. T. Housen. One of the features of the evening's entertainment was a Christmas tree containing presents for each member of the party, which were distributed with great pleasure and had considerable merriment. The evening was spent in playing auction bridge.

Leon Foley is assisting at Otto's Pharmacy this week.

V. F. Noltner has purchased a Ford taxi of Jensen & Ebbe.

J. F. Seidl of Pittsville transacted business in the city on Wednesday.

J. H. Lindgren of Kaukauna was in the city Saturday on business.

Hugo Snyder, who resides near the Packing plant is seriously ill with appendicitis.

Harold and Dean Babcock are home from Wauksha where they attended Carroll college.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gordon and daughter Helen are in the city for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Alberts and family, who have heretofore resided at Vesper, have moved to this city to live.

Mrs. O. R. Moore left on Saturday for Baraboo where she will visit her parents over the Christmas holidays.

C. W. Henderson, a member of the Wood county Soldiers relief committee died at his home in Marshfield last week.

Searl Gardner, one of the teachers in the high school was taken ill with German measles the past week and left for his home in Pittsville.

Marion Philco and Margaret Itagan are home from Chicago where they attend Northwestern University, to spend the holidays with their parents.

Harry Hagerstrom, who is employed on the Soo line at Stevens Point, is spending a couple of weeks with his parents in this city. Harry reports that business is brisk on the Soo and that some big shipments are being made over that line.

Joe Zabiwa returned last week from western Minnesota where he had been operating a dredge during the past two months. The work was discontinued on account of cold weather and will be taken up again in the spring.

Farmers report that the sleighing during the past week has been pretty good notwithstanding the fact that the last snow that fell was rather coarse and sandy. While our farmers do not depend on sleighing for their winter's work, they did a number of years ago, still they did a pretty handy job for getting a few loads of wood in and for doing other work of that character.

Fred Schnabel writes that he is on the entertainment committee for the democratic convention which will be held at St. Louis this coming summer, and wants all of his friends to come down during the convention and spend a few days with him. No doubt Fred would see that they were laid down to see him. It is understood that Fred is coming home to spend Christmas.

Professor C. J. Galpin of the college of agriculture at the university of Wisconsin has given out notice of a two days country life conference for Wood county, the same to be held in Marshfield, March 31, and April 1st. The conference, which is similar to a chauteauque, only free to everybody, will be in charge of the Wood county training, agricultural and domestic science school and County Supt. Geo. Varney.

Scandinavian Moravian Church.

The annual Christmas exercises of the Congregational Sunday School will be held at the church Friday evening.

A Christmas cantata will be rendered after which Santa Claus will present every member of the school with a stocking full of candy from the big Christmas tree. Admission will be free and the public is invited.

Scandinavian Moravian Church.

The Sunday School will render its Christmas program 7:30 P. M. Friday evening.

In addition to the cantata, readings and choir singing, the recitations and dialogues, gifts of boxes of candy will be presented to the members of the school. The usual offering to the congregation will be received at 10:30 o'clock.

At 10:30 A. M. Saturday, Christmas morning, Scandinavian services will be held and the Rev. C. Madsen will preach the sermon. On Sunday the Sunday school will meet at 9:30 the morning services will be held in the Norwegian language and the Christian Endeavor society will meet at 7:30 P. M. Miss Nina Christenson will lead the meeting.

First Moravian Church.

At the First Moravian church there will be services on Friday evening for the members of the Sunday school with a Christmas program and a tree, from which the children will be furnished with the usual Christmas candy on such occasions.

On Christmas day there will be preaching at 10:30 o'clock.

East Side Lutheran Church.

At the east side Lutheran church there will be children's services on Friday evening, with songs, a Christmas story, and a tree from which the little ones will be served.

On Christmas day there will be a confessional service at 10:30 in the forenoon and regular service at 10 o'clock. There will be English service at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Baptist Church.

At the Baptist church the children's services will be held on Thursday evening, on which occasion there will be a tree and the children will be presented with candy and nuts. No services will be held on Christmas day.

West Side Lutheran Church.

At the west side Lutheran church there will be the usual children's services on Friday evening, on which occasion it is the intention to entertain the members of the Sunday school in a special manner. There will be a program, tree and distribution of presents.

On Christmas day there will be services at 9:45 in the morning, and on Sunday there will be services at 7:30 in the evening.

Episcopal Church.

At the Episcopal church there will be midnight mass on Friday night and on Sunday the usual services at 9:45 for the children and the sermon at 11 o'clock. The Christmas services for the children will be held some evening next week.

SS. Peter and Paul Church.

At SS. Peter and Paul Catholic church there will be early mass at 8:00 a. m., with services also at 8:30 and 10:30.

Methodist Church.

At the Methodist church there will be a "wreath service" for the members of the Sunday School. Each class in the school will do something for a needy family in the city to make the Christmas time a more pleasant one for them.

According to the Stevens Point papers there was a robin seen over in that burg one day last week. They are unable to state, however, whether it is a holdover or a new arrival.

The Loyal Order of Moose held one of their pleasant dancing parties on Wednesday evening, music for the event being furnished by the Moose orchestra. A good time was reported by all.

George Johnson of Rudolph was brought to this city last Wednesday and placed in the Riverview hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. At last reports he was getting along nicely.

The public schools in this city close Thursday for the Christmas holidays, and will not open again until the Tuesday after New Year Day. This gives the children a vacation of a little less than two weeks.

Wm. Baldauf leaves this week for Nashville, Tenn., to spend the Christmas vacation. Upon his return he will be accompanied by Mrs. Baldauf, who has been visiting at Nashville for several weeks past.

Mrs. Nan Schlatterer entertained a party of friends at her home Wednesday evening in honor of her guest, Mrs. R. R. Harvey. The evening was spent in playing bridge and the favors were awarded to Mrs. D. D. Conway and Mrs. E. I. Philco. The evening was a most delightful one.

Vesper State Center.—Geo. M. ad of Grand Rapids gave a very interesting talk last week Wednesday night before the Literary Club upon the "Songs of Martin". He dwelt along the line of the social service we owe our fellowmen, and he expounded some liberal views in regard to industrial conditions.

Leader Sued for Libel.

A. L. Fontaine has brought suit in Circuit court against the Wisconsin Valley Leader for the sum of \$7,000 for damages alleged to have been done to his reputation and business by an article recently published in the Leader concerning money collected from the county by members of the Reporter force.

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—See the fine stock of cigars for Xmas at Otto's from 50c to \$4.50 a box.

WANT COLUMN

WANTED.—Competent stenographer Apply to Reddis Lbr. & Veneer Co., Marshfield, Wis.

FOR SALE CHEAP.—Two heavy bobsleds in first class condition. MacKinnon Mfg. Co.

FOUND.—A good watch. Owner may have the same by proving property and paying for this notice. Gust Lundgren, R. 2, Box 36, Grand Rapids, Wis.

LOST.—On west side a pair of tan kid gloves. Return to A. B. Sutor.

FOR SALE.—Some pure bred Duroc brood sows, both young and old. Joe Reddin, R. 2, Grand Rapids, Wis. 41*

HOUSE FOR RENT.—Inquire of Anton Krieger, 106 2nd Ave. North.

FOR SALE.—A small Dairy Farm on Western Washington including stock, tools, and crops on hand. For terms inquire Tribune office.

FOR RENT.—2, 4 and 6 room flats. Inquire at Daly's Drug store.

FOR SALE.—Good Guernsey cow, Peter Frohnen, R. R. 1.

FOR SALE.—93 1/2 acres of land on the Sigel road. All clear, good buildings. Price \$3,000, \$3,500, \$4,000. Inquire H. C. Schmidt, Route 4, Grand Rapids, Wis. 41*

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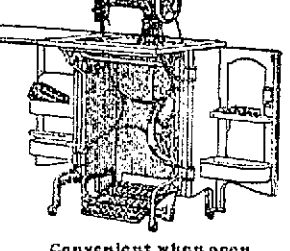
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Tribune wishes its many readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It may be that some of our farmer friends who did not harvest as good a crop the past season as they had hoped to, are entitled to considering the amount of work they did and may think that a wish of this kind is pre-emptive of a hollow mockery, but such is not the case.

The days that have gone are no longer the days of the future, and the one bright star that ever gleams in the near distance to lead mankind on to greater effort, is hope. No matter how dark yesterday may have been, there is always the love and belief that the sun will shine tomorrow.

Then this Merry Christmas business does not depend on how much of this world's goods we have stored up. There are many for whom every thing they want in this world, and if there are such people it is safe to say that they are the most unhappy beings on the face of the earth. It is the desire for something else than what we have that leads us on in our efforts, and the hope of getting it that makes life worth the living.

Then Christmas time is a time of joy and cheer more particularly for the little folks. They look forward to the day with much more pleasure than do their parents, for the young heart has not been seared by the disappointments of life, and they have possibly more confidence in the future. Then it does not take a great deal to make a child happy, and you succeed in making the children about you happy, the chances are a hundred to one that you will be happy yourself. When the statement was made in the good book that it is more blessed to give than to receive, it was a statement that has been borne out by the experiences of mankind ever since. It is what you do for your friends that makes you love them, not what they do for you, and with this fact in mind it is always possible to spend a merry day on Christmas.

When we look back over the happy events of our life, it is generally found that it was not the biggest things that produced the most happiness, but rather some smaller thing that came on us with a surprise, a thing possibly that we had not striven to attain, and possibly something that makes us smile now when we remember the joy that went with it and how trivial the matter appears to us in after life.

So most of may have a merry Christmas if we only get out with that and in view of the troubles that have gone by never seem as large as they did just before we encountered them, and it is possible to lay aside our cares and worries for a day and make merry with the younger generation, and thereby be merry ourselves. While there are some drawbacks to be encountered and difficulties to be overcome, it is a pretty good old world, just the same. We only make it so, and the more happiness we put into the lives of others, the happier we will be ourselves.

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ASKING FOR RECEIVER FOR L. STARKS COMPANY

According to an article taken from the Grand Rapids, (Mich.) Herald, a bill has been presented to the United States district court by J. F. French, manager of the company for the state of Michigan, in behalf of the minority stockholders of the company, and an order has been issued for the officers of the company to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed. The date fixed for the hearing was Dec. 20th.

It is alleged in the bill that the officers of the company have used a great many privileges not granted them in its charter. It is stated that \$350,000 was paid for 18,000 acres of land in Oneida county, Wisconsin, the amount covering the purchase price and the cost of clearing and building the establishment. It has been to develop a commercial farming enterprise. It is stated that this expenditure restricted the financial ability of the company to carry on its regular operations. It is also charged that the establishment has been a losing proposition in Chicago was contrary to the charter and that \$50,000 was lost by the plan.

The company for many years coming had been managed by Leonard Stark and a dozen of the employees, who held certain amounts of stock. Last year, it is stated, Leonard Stark disposed of a majority of the stock to J. K. Inalls of Chicago and W. B. Anderson of Grand Rapids. It was made general manager of the company and he and Angelo placed on the board of directors.

It was asked that a receiver be appointed to handle the business of the company until the close of the season, which will continue until about the first of next July, and that steps be taken to wind up the business.

Since the above was written Mr. Stark has made a statement to the effect that the company is all right and on a sound financial basis, and that the trouble came from one man who was dissatisfied with the manner in which the company was being managed. The statement made by Mr. Stark is as follows:

On Dec. 9th, J. F. French, who owns a small equity in 150 shares of stock in this company, acquired by private contract with me, filed a bill in the Federal court at Grand Rapids, Michigan, asking for a receiver for the company on the ground of mismanagement, criticizing the purchase of our Oneida county farm, and the establishment of a jobbing store in Chicago, and claiming that the company should have paid dividends instead of making these investments. French also makes some other minor complaints. The fact is that our directors have always been unanimous in the project of the company, and their judgment is vindicated by the fact that the farm and stores are both profitable ventures. The management is the same as it always has been. The company has been in existence for over twenty years, approximately \$750,000.00, built up in 12 years from \$150,000.00. French is asking for himself alone—all other stockholders have submitted signed declarations that they are not interested in the case, do not intend to become so, and do not want a receiver appointed. The company owes no money to French—the contrary, he is indebted to the company in the amount of \$3,400.00 over and on his personal salary account. No creditors are parties to the suit. French was our manager at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and in his seven years employment made a net loss of \$38,000.00, after paying what the company has yet prospered as above stated. Because his management was unprofitable, he was dismissed from the service of the company on Nov. 1, 1915.

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WILSON WEDDING

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Ceremony at Galt Home Marked by Simplicity.

DETAILS ARE KEPT SECRET

Only Relatives of President and His Bride Are Present—Start on Honey-moon Trip to South—Try to Avoid Crowds.

Washington, Dec. 18.—In the presence of relatives only, President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were quietly and simply wedded this evening in the parlors of the bride's unpretentious home at 1308 Twentieth street. There was no fuss and feathers, and official and social circles must wait for tomorrow's newspapers before they know how it all came about. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo was the lone official present and he was there simply as Mr. Wilson's son-in-law.

Miss Bertha Bolling of this city attended her sister, the bride, and a small orchestra from the Marine band furnished the music. The bride wore a dark traveling costume and carried a huge bouquet of orchids. She met the bridegroom at the foot of the broad stairway in her home and together they went slowly to the altar of flowers erected at the east end of the parlors. The president placed on her third left-hand finger a plain gold circlet engraved with her initials and his own. The ceremony was the utmost in simplicity and taste—in keeping with the best American traditions.

Keep Hour a Secret.

In order to avoid the crowds of curious folk in Washington the hour of the wedding was kept secret until late in the day. The plan worked with fair success and the police had no trouble

upon, and for years who has been known as the most perfectly groomed woman in Washington, both because she has exquisite taste and because she has plenty of means to follow her taste in dress. Her gowns have always been chosen with rare care and she bought much from the fashionable costumers in Paris, where she was a frequent visitor before the war.

Those who are in a position to know say the bride spent several months in the preparation of her trousseau, being aided in this important labor by her mother, who also is a woman of extraordinary discernment. It was all complete, 'tis whispered, two weeks before the date of the wedding. Some controversy arose as to the origin of the gowns and frocks and linens and lace. There were stories to the effect that French supply houses balked at furnishing anything through the medium of German-American middlemen. Most of the stories were baseless, he it said truthfully, for the bride's wedding outfit was almost entirely of American origin.

Orchids Her Favorite.

Dark green and orchid are the predominant hues in the trousseau gowns, for orchids are the new Mrs. Wilson's favorite flowers. There are traveling gowns, street frocks and evening gowns of amazing loveliness which will be seen much this winter, for the White House is to be reopened for a series of old-time entertainments. The four great official receptions, which were omitted last winter, will be resumed and there will be matinee teas and frequent musicales.

Mr. Wilson is the sixth president of the United States to marry a widow. Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Fillmore and Benjamin Harrison were his predecessors in this sort of a union, but in not more than one or two cases was the widow the second wife—as in this case. John Tyler and Theodore Roosevelt married twice, but their second wives had not been wedded before.

It is scarcely necessary to recall George Washington's marriage. The world knows of his courtship, engagement and espousal. His love was the "widow Custis." Thomas Jefferson, at the home of a friend, John Wayles, met Martha Skelton, Wayles' widow

FORD TO ASK TRUCE

TEXT OF APPEAL MANUFACTURER WILL SEND TO WASHINGTON RULERS OF EUROPE.

SAME IDEALS, PEACE BASIS

To Ask Heads of Belligerent Countries If Fighting Has Shown That War Cannot Solve Problem—Some Delegates May Leave Peace Ship.

New York, Dec. 15.—Henry Ford sent by wireless from the peace ship Oscar II the text of an appeal to be made to the rulers of the belligerent countries of Europe to declare an immediate truce for peace negotiations. It follows:

"To His Majesty—

"Sire: We would come in this time of trouble, not to add to your burdens but to help you, not to consider which nations are most to blame for the disaster that has befallen Europe, but to end the strife; not to intrude ourselves upon your national life and national ideals, but rather with an earnest desire to understand them and a heartfelt wish to aid in realizing them.

"The love of country, for which every day tens of thousands of lives are sacrificed, is the same in every land. Your nation, like the people of all the other belligerent countries, is fighting for its national existence and its best national traditions, and so there can be no irreconcilable differences. Such common ideals surely must afford a basis upon which to establish a magnanimous and honorable peace.

"The time has come to stop bloodshed to save the people from further slaughter and the civilization of the world from anarchy and ruin.

"Has not war been tried enough—sixteen months of fighting? Is it not proved that war cannot solve the problem, but that it leads only to loss and misery?

"The rising desire of the people in neutral nations to convert a barren distastefulness into active good will has prompted the citizens of the United States of America to call for Europe on the steamship Oscar II with the serious purpose of joining with the citizens of the European neutral nations in an organized effort to help restore peace upon an honorable and just basis; to facilitate direct negotiations between you and the other warring nations.

"Therefore we do earnestly entreat you and the rulers of all the other warring nations to declare an immediate truce.

"As there is no other way to end the war except by mediation and discussion, why waste one more precious human life?

"For the sake of humanity.

"HENRY FORD."

Introduction of resolutions opposing American preparedness caused a split in the group. The resolutions were adopted by a vote of 10 to 8.

Indict Three in Ship Plot

San Francisco Grand Jury Brings Two Counts Each Against Crowley and Baron Brinkman.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Indictments returned by the federal grand jury on Monday against Baron George Wilhelm von Brinkman, C. O. Crowley and Mrs. Margaret Madison, wife of President James Madison, is best known generally to Americans of all generations next to Martha Washington.

John Tyler's Romance.

John Tyler was twice married, the second time while he was president. His first wife was Letitia Christian, who belonged to one of the old families of Virginia. Mrs. Tyler bore the president nine children. Just before her husband was elected vice president of the United States she suffered a stroke of paralysis and a short time after he succeeded William Henry Harrison as president she died in the White House.

The second winter after her death the president met Julia, the daughter of Mr. Gardiner, who lived on one of the islands in Long Island sound. The president fell desperately in love and wedded as a youth of twenty-two, impetuously and romantically. It wasn't a great while before they were engaged and a short time later they were married quietly at the Church of the Ascension in New York city.

Grover Cleveland did not marry until fairly late in life. Then he fell in love with Frances Folsom, the daughter of his law partner. She was a girl whom he had known from early childhood—there was a time when she called him "Uncle Cleve." Mr. Cleveland and Miss Folsom were wedded in the famous Blue room at the White House.

For a long time it was thought that President Wilson and Mrs. Galt would be married in the White House. People just supposed that Mrs. Galt would want to go down in history as an actual White House bride. From the general feminine point of view it seemed really the only thing to do.

Charming, tactful Mrs. Galt decided long ago, however, that a woman should be married in her own home and not in that of her husband. She did not believe in breaking the American custom of the world—president in the matter. And in this all Washington approved.

Plan New Action on Peace.

London, Dec. 15.—The Leipzig Volks Zeitung publishes the names of 34 socialists who have signed a declaration expressing dissatisfaction with the results of the peace discussion in the Reichstag.

Three Die in Chicago Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Two men and a woman were burned to death in a fire at 53-57 East Grand avenue. The dead: Edward Barry, a tinsmith, and his wife Joseph Barry, and Aaron Barbano.

Indiana Man Sent to Jail.

London, Dec. 15.—A man giving the name of Arthur Francis of Indianapolis was sentenced to serve nine months in prison for defrauding British soldiers. He is said to be a deserter from the U. S. army.

National League in Rally.

New York, Dec. 15.—Winter baseball activities began here with the gathering of club owners to attend the annual meetings of the International and National leagues. Edward G. Barrow opened the meeting.

Freedom for Turk Women.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Turkey's participation in the war is bringing a greater degree of freedom to the Turkish women. The Turkish ministry announces that women are to be employed in the money-order post offices.

One Killed in Shop Blast.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 13.—One workman was killed and fifteen others were injured by an explosion in the plant where the Bethlehem Steel company was making shell fuses for the entente allies of Europe.

HUMPTY-DUMPTY ROUMANIA



ASKED TO HELP U. S. BULGARS ROUT ALLIES

PRESIDENT IN PLEA FOR BUSINESS PREPAREDNESS.

Chief Caltz Himself 'Militant Democrat'—Says America is Reserve Force of World.

Columbus, O., Dec. 13.—Preparedness by business men to mobilize the resources of the nation as a measure of national defense was urged by President Wilson here on Friday in a ringing address before the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

The president declared that if the United States preserves its self-possession in the present crisis it will have great influence in reconstructing the peaceful course of the world and in bringing the nations together again.

The president's address was applauded by a spontaneous audience of 1,100, including many of the leading officials and business men of Ohio. While he had not written it out in advance, he had thought it over carefully. His theme was the "Statesmanship of industry." The president told the business men that it was impossible to separate business and life. The history of business in the United States, he said, was tied up with the history of the nation.

Need of ships to carry the commerce of the nation was emphasized. Since the War of 1812, he declared, the United States has purposely attended first to internal affairs and business men, he declared, sought foreign trade, but many disregarded it.

The banking and currency law passed during the present administration was lauded by the president as a great aid to foreign commerce.

He opposed the injection of politics into business. He described himself as a "militant Democrat" and added that the Democratic party wanted to help business.

Repeating the idea expressed in his last message to congress, the president said that he believed in liberty of all peoples. He declared aggressively that as long as he was president Mexico would be allowed to choose its own government.

The European war, he declared, had put the United States in a new relation to the world. This nation will have to be the reserve force of the world, he asserted.

150 DIE IN POWDER BLAST

Box of Ammunition From the U. S. Believed to Have Exploded in Factory at Havre, France.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The inquiry into the cause of the explosion at the Belgian government's large powder factory at Havre has taken the direction of discovering whether it was due to German machinations in the United States. Latest reports show that 150 persons were killed by the blast.

Two hundred and fifty tons of powder blew up in an annex where several boxes of ammunition from America were stored.

Property within a two-mile radius of the factory was wrecked by the explosion. All the doors and windows in the big Schneider gun works near by were blown in, killing several men.

Big B. T. Washington Memorial.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 15.—Creation of a \$200,000 Booker T. Washington memorial endowment for the Tuskegee institute was authorized by the institute's trustees, who announced \$450,000 already had been pledged.

Villa Officers Surrender.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The state department was advised in dispatches from El Paso of the surrender of General Garcia, a Villa commander, and his wife Joseph Barry, and Aaron Barbano.

Canada Won't Hang Woman.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14.—The women of Alberta have won their fight to save the life of Mrs. Annie Hawkes of Macleod, sentenced to hang for the killing of her husband's affinity. She will serve ten years in prison.

Yaqut Indians on Warpath.

Tombahpa, Mex., via radio to San Diego, Cal., Dec. 14.—Yaqut Indians are on the warpath and are raiding the American settlement in the Yaqut valley, according to reports just received from Guaymas.

Navy Vard to Build Warships.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The two super-dreadnaughts authorized by the last congress will be built by the New York and Mare Island navy yards. Contracts for the ships were let by Secretary Daniels on Friday.

Town Fire-Swept Loss \$200,000.

Citronelle, Ala., Dec. 13.—A fire in the business district on Friday did damage estimated at \$200,000. A hotel and eight stores were burned. Several guests at the hotel were rescued by firemen.

MUST FREE GERMAN

WASHINGTON SENDS NOTE TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT—SIX TEUTONS HELD.

HOLD THAT ACT IS ILLEGAL

Kaiser's Subjects Were Taken From an American Steamer by French Warships—Immediate Release Demanded by U. S. Officials.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The United States government called Ambassador Sharp at Paris, for presentation to the French foreign office, a note vigorously protesting against the removal by the French cruiser Desbarres of six German and Austrian sailors from the American steamship Carolina, Conna and San Juan.

Immediate release of the men was asked on the ground that the seizure of citizens of any nation from an American vessel on the high seas is without legal justification and constitutes a flagrant violation of American rights.

Coached in friendly terms, the communication given the American point of view emphatically and cites precedents employed in the case of August Piepenbrink, a German, who was removed from the American ship Windber by the French cruiser Conde in November of last year and released after representations by the United States.

Attention is directed to the fact that the men removed from the ships were not embodied in "the armed forces of the enemy," as that term is used in the declaration of London. It is asserted, however, that there is no justification for the removal of subjects of a nation which is an enemy of France from an American vessel on the high seas bound to a neutral port, even if they could properly be regarded as military persons.

To support this position, it is understood, the note points to the rules set down by the French minister of foreign affairs in a note sent during the Civil war to the French minister to the United States in regard to the removal of the Confederate commissioners, Mason and Slidell, from the steamship Trent.

CHICAGO WINS G. O. P. MEET

Republican National Convention to Be Held on June 7—San Francisco Poor Second.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Chicago was selected by the Republican national committee on Tuesday as the meeting place of the 1916 Republican national convention, to be held June 7, one week before the Democratic convention in St. Louis. The vote was: Chicago, 18; San Francisco, 13; St. Louis, 7; Philadelphia, 2.

Another ballot was taken and the selection made unanimous.

The convention will comprise 985 members, instead of the customary 1,075, the reduction in representation of the South agreed to a year ago having been ratified. Of these delegates 500 will be elected by the direct primary plan.

The vote was as follows:

For Chicago—District of Columbia, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

For Philadelphia—Pennsylvania, Maryland.

STORM CAUSES HEAVY LOSS

Millions of Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed—Railroads Tied Up in East—Eight Dead.

New York, Dec. 15.—Demoralized railroads, millions in property damage and widespread inconvenience was the storm toll reported here on Tuesday. It was the worst storm that has visited New York and the eastern states since the memorable blizzard of 1888. The New York Central and the New York, New Haven & Hartford roads were almost tied up. Only a few of the most important trains were moving. All wires were down on both railroads. The block system was out of business.

With conditions only partially alleviated it is feared there will be a milk famine. Vast quantities of milk are being sent to get some of the milk trains into town.

Six inches of snow fell in New York city. At Connecticut it reached a depth of from two to three feet.

Garranza to Hit Juarez?

Washington, Dec. 15.—Juarez and Chihuahua, Villa's last strongholds in northern Mexico, are believed to be the objective of Carranza reinforcements now being permitted to pass eastward through the United States.

Munday Asks for New Trial.

Morris, Ill., Dec. 15.—Attorneys for O. B. Munday, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the LaSalle Street Trust of \$100,000, asked the court to grant a new trial for Munday, citing 35 reasons why it should be given.

Boy Drowned in Lake.

Mason City, Ia., Dec. 13.—While looking at the comical section of a Sunday newspaper, Henry Thomas, twelve, stepped into an air hole on Clear Lake and was drowned. The body was recovered.

Robber Raids Art Institute.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—A lone thief raided the Art Institute on Saturday, boldly smashed a glass case and vanished with a collection valued at \$50,000, ropo hanging from the skylight was the only clue.

Rulers Congratulate Mackensen.

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Wales, Wis.—Dr. Norman Hoffman has been dismissed as superintendent of the state tuberculosis sanatorium at Wales.

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Dr. Hoffman, who insisted under no circumstances would he give up his place as superintendent, former Gov. James O. Davidson, president of the state board of control, and Mr. Harris, who was just as determined that Hoffman should go, Davidson and Harris won out and Dr. Hoffman left Wales for Milwaukee.

In Milwaukee he will consult with friends and possibly with attorney Davidson and Harris will take next.

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\$15,000 SAVED BY NEW LAW

Conservation Commission Operating Under Consolidation Plan Effects Economy.

Madison.—How the state conservation commission, operating under the consolidation law of 1915, has effected an economy of more than \$15,000 in five months in the administration of the game protection laws, is shown in a comparison of the records of the first five months of the present fiscal year, July 1 to Nov. 30, as compared with the same period in 1914. In the five months of 1914 the department had seventy-two regular wardens, with some eight or ten extras during the deer season, and the cost, less salary of the chief game warden, was \$6,111.86. For the present year the whole number of conservation wardens in the service was sixty-two, and the total cost was \$5,600.35, effecting a net saving of \$1,511.51, while the number of arrests for violation was twenty-seven greater.

INSURANCE AGENT IS HELD

Man Arrested in Kenosha for Operating When Company Has No State License.

Kenosha.—W. E. Hall of Chicago was arrested here on the order of the Wisconsin insurance commissioner and is being held on a charge of soliciting insurance for a company which had not been licensed to do business in Wisconsin. Hall had written several policies for the Central Business Men's insurance company of Chicago. The company was declared by the insurance commissioner to have been operating without a license in this state. He made no effort to secure his license, but got into communication with the officials of his company in Chicago and procured a court fight.

Tobacco Deliveries Light.

Janesville.—Several of the smaller tobacco warehouses here opened for selling tobacco, but the deliveries have been few and will not start until a good thaw. The tobacco is said to be suffering in the sheds, and prices, it is expected, will be lower than last season for portions of crops that escaped the wind and hail losses during the growing season.

Steaks 10 Cents Apound

Juneauville.—The meat price war, which was started ten days before the Thanksgiving holidays, continues unabated. Several smaller shops have been forced to close and several transfers have been reported. Steaks are quoted at 10 and 11 cents and chickens at 13 cents in the two rival shops leading the price war.

Will Fight Highway Law.

Madison.—The Madison common council directed City Attorney William Ryan to bring suit to contest the constitutionality of the provision of the state highway law requiring cities to contribute towards the cost of constructing county highways outside of their municipal boundaries.

Sale of Plant Voted Down.

Grantsburg.—The proposition of Brown Bros. to build a hydraulic dam on Wood river, take over the municipal electric lighting plant for \$50,000 and furnish twenty-four hour service was rejected.

Amassed Fortune Farming.

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Beloit.—The two thoroughbred bloodhounds purchased two years ago by the Beloit police department have been sold. They have been little used and given almost no practice in recent months.

Orders Verdict Out.

Racine.—In the breach of promise suit of Mrs. Mary Staska, 60, against John Kuerns, 70, Judge Beiden found the verdict of \$1,250 excessive and reduced the amount to \$650.

Guilt on Federal Charge.

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Grover Cleveland did not marry until fairly late in life. Then he fell in love with Frances Folsom, the daughter of his law partner. She was a girl whom he had known from early childhood—there was a time when she called him "Uncle Cleve." Mr. Cleveland and Miss Folsom were wedded in the famous Blue room at the White House.

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They must be back in Washington by January 7, though, because on that date the president and Mrs. Wilson will act as host and hostess at a great reception to be given in the White House for the Pan-American representatives at the national capital. Moreover, congress will have reconvened, after the holiday season, and Mr. Wilson will have to be back at his desk.

Only Relatives Are Present.
Among those present at the ceremony were: Miss Margaret Wilson, the president's eldest daughter; Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre of Williams-town, Mass., the president's second daughter; Mrs. William G. McAdoo, the president's youngest child; Mrs. Anne Howland of Philadelphia, the president's sister; Joseph H. Wilson of Baltimore, the president's brother, and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the president's cousin.

The bride, who before her marriage to Norman Galt was Miss Edith Bolling of Virginia, was well represented with kinsmen and kinswomen. She and her mother, Mrs. William H. Bolling, have lived together for several years, and Mrs. Bolling, of course, was the flower of the occasion. The bride's sisters, Miss Bertha Bolling of Washington and Mrs. H. H. Maury of Annapolis, Ala., and her brothers, John Randolph Bolling, Richard W. Bolling, Julian B. Bolling, all of Washington; R. E. Bolling of Louisville, Ky., attended the ceremony.

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40,000 BRITISH FALL IN FIGHT

Two Divisions Annihilated, According to Berlin—Greeks Won't Oppose Allies.

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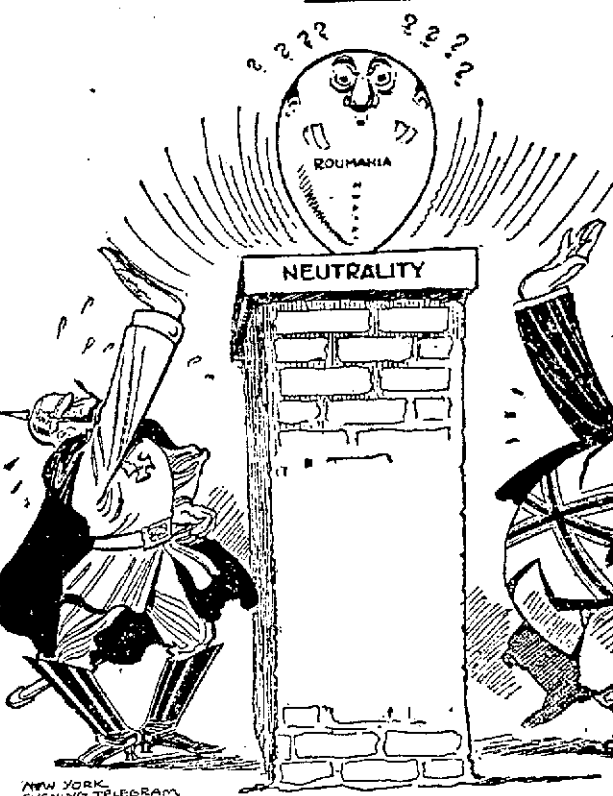
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Chief Calls Himself "Militant Democrat"—Says America Is Reserve Force of World.

Columbus, O., Dec. 13.—Preparedness by business men to mobilize the resources of the nation as a measure of national defense was urged by President Wilson here on Friday in a ringing address before the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. His words were given added significance by the disputes pending between the United States and Austria and Germany.

The president declared that if the United States preserves its self-possession in the present crisis it will have great influence in reconstructing the peaceful course of the world and in bringing the nations together again.

The president's address was applauded by a nonpartisan audience of 1,100, including many of the leading officials and business men of Ohio. While he had not written it out carefully, he had thought it over carefully. His home town of Springfield, Ohio, was represented by a delegation of business men that it was impossible to separate business and life. The history of business in the United States, he said, was tied up with the history of the nation.

Need of ships to carry the commerce of the nation was emphasized. Since the war of 1812, he declared, the United States has purposely attended first to internal affairs. Some business men, he declared, sought foreign trade, but many disregarded it.

The banking and currency law passed during the present administration was lauded by the president as a great aid to foreign commerce. He opposed the infection of politics into business. He described himself as a "militant democrat" and added that the Democratic party wanted to help business.

Repeating the idea expressed in his last message to congress, the president said that he believed in liberty of all peoples. He declared aggressively that as long as he was president Mexico would be allowed to choose its own government.

The European war, he declared, had put the United States in a new relation to the world. This nation will have to be the reserve force of the world, he asserted.

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Paris, Dec. 14.—The inquiry into the causes of the explosion at the Belgian government's large powder factory at Havre has taken the direction of discovering whether it was due to German machinations in the United States. Latest reports show that 150 persons were killed by the blast.

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Immediate release of the men was asked on the ground that the seizure of citizens of any nation from an American vessel on the high seas is without legal justification and constitutes a flagrant violation of American rights.

Couched in friendly terms, the communication gives the American point of view emphatically and cites precedents employed in the case of August Piepenbrink, a German, who was removed from the American ship Windber by the French cruiser Comde in November of last year and released after representations by the United States.

Attention is directed to the fact that the men removed from the ships were not embodied in "the armed forces of the enemy," as that term is used in the declaration of London. It is asserted, however, that there is no justification for the removal of subjects of a nation which is an enemy of France from an American vessel on the high seas bound to a neutral port, even if they could properly be regarded as military persons.

To support this position, it is understood, the note points to the rules set down by the French minister of foreign affairs in a note sent during the civil war to the French minister to the United States in regard to the removal of the Confederate commissaries, Mason and Sillidell, from the steamship Trent.

CHICAGO WINS G. O. P. MEET

Republican National Convention to Be Held on June 7—San Francisco Poor Second.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Chicago was selected by the Republican national committee on Tuesday as the meeting place of the 1916 Republican national convention, to be held June 7, one week before the Democratic convention in St. Louis.

The vote was Chicago, 30; St. Louis, 7; Philadelphia, 2. Another ballot was taken and the selection made unanimous. The convention will comprise 985 members, instead of the customary 1,075, the reduction in representation of the South agreed to a year ago having been ratified. Of these delegates 600 will be elected by the direct primary plan.

The vote was as follows: For Chicago—District of Columbia, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Porto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming. For Philadelphia—Pennsylvania, Maryland.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

Lisbon, Dec. 15.—A general strike has been called throughout Portugal. Conflicts between the police and strikers occurred at many places. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 15.—George Horn, a prominent politician of Irvine, Ky., was assassinated as he walked along the streets of that town.

Vienna, Dec. 14, via Amsterdam and London.—An Austrian seaplane squadron bombarded the railway station, the electric works and points of military importance at Ancona (on the Adriatic coast of Italy) and returned unharmed in the face of heavy fire, according to an official statement issued at the war office.

Davenport, Ia., Dec. 15.—The blocking of the Panama canal by the indirect cause of the death of Henry F. Peterson, a millionaire of this city. Mr. Peterson, on a boat trip, was held up in the canal two weeks and developed a case of jaundice.

Readville, Mass., Dec. 13.—A large steel battle plane of a new type was given a successful test here. The new aerial fighting machine is described as of twice the size of the ordinary aeroplane, with a torpedo body and two gun turrets.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The state department announced that Great Britain has consented to allow two carriages of dynamite to come through the country from Germany provided they are consigned to Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

Greece Fears Food Famine.
London, Dec. 16.—The Greek government, it was learned here, has commandeered all Greek shipping in British and American ports in an effort to supply the deficiency in food and coal which exists in Greece.

Says Emperor Is Paralyzed.
Paris, Dec. 16.—A report that Emperor Francis Joseph's legs were paralyzed last year and that the emperor also has lost the use of his right arm is forwarded by the Rome correspondent of the Matin.

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Wales, Wis. Dr. Norman Hoffman has been dismissed as superintendent of the state tuberculosis sanatorium at Wales.

George B. Harris, member of the state board of control, is in charge of the institution, with Dr. R. L. Williams as deputy superintendent. This is the result of a day of strenuous argument that began early in the morning and continued until late in the afternoon. Participating were:

Dr. Norman Hoffman, who insisted under no circumstances would he give up his place as superintendent.

Former Gov. James O. Davidson, president of the state board of control, and Mr. Harris, who was just as determined that Hoffman should go.

Davidson and Harris went out and Dr. Hoffman left Wales for Milwaukee. In Milwaukee he will consult with friends and possibly with attorneys as to what steps he will take next.

By action of the state board of control, taken in Madison, Dr. Hoffman's tenure of office at midnight on Dec. 14, Federal recognition to the plan which was adopted by the board, based on the fact that Dr. Hoffman had not resigned as he had been requested to do. At the same meeting of the board, Mr. Harris was appointed superintendent of the sanatorium.

\$15,000 SAVED BY NEW LAW

Conservation Commission Operating Under Consolidation Plan Effects Economy.

Madison.—How the state conservation commission, operating under the consolidation law of 1915, has effected an economy of more than \$15,000 in five months in the administration of the game protection laws, is shown in a comparison of the records of the first five months of the present fiscal year, July 1 to Nov. 30, as compared with the same period in 1914. In the five months of 1914 the department had seventy-two regular wardens, with some eight or ten extras during the deer season, and the cost, less the salary of the chief game warden, was \$65,111.86. For the present year the whole number of conservation wardens in the service was sixty-two, and the total cost was \$50,601.35, effecting a net saving of \$14,510.51, while the number of arrests for violation was twenty-seven greater.

INSURANCE AGENT IS HELD

Man Arrested in Kenosha for Operating When Company Has No State License.

Kenosha.—W. E. Hall of Chicago was arrested here on the order of the Wisconsin insurance commissioner and is being held on a charge of soliciting insurance for a company which had not been licensed to do business in Wisconsin. Hall had written several policies for the Central Business Men's insurance company of Chicago. The company was declared by the insurance commissioner to have been refused a permit in this state. He made no effort to secure his liberty, but got into communication with the officials of his company in Chicago and promised a court fight.

Tobacco Deliveries Light.
Janesville.—Several of the smaller tobacco warehouses have opened for sorting tobacco, but the deliveries have been few and but not start until after the first of January. The tobacco is said to be suffering in the sheds, and prices, it is expected, will be lower than last season for portions of crops that escaped the wind and hail losses during the growing season.

Steaks 10 Cents Apound.
Janesville.—The meat price war, which was started ten days before Thanksgiving, has continued unabated. Several smaller shops have been forced to close and several transactions have been reported. Steaks are quoted at 10 and 11 cents and chickens at 13 cents in the two rival shops leading the price war.

Will Fight Highway Law.
Madison.—The Madison common council directed City Attorney William Ryan to bring suit to conviction of the situation of the law, requiring cities to contribute towards the cost of constructing county highways outside of their municipal boundaries.

Sale of Plant Voted Down.
Grantsburg.—The proposition of Brown Bros. to build a hydraulic dam on Wood river, take over the municipal electric lighting plant for \$30,000 and furnish twenty-four hour service was rejected.

Amassed Fortune Farming.
Monroe.—Henry Barry, aged 77 years, a resident of Green county for three-quarters of a century, is dead. He amassed a fortune as a farmer, retiring in 1883.

Police Bloodhounds Sold.
Beloit.—The two thoroughbred bloodhounds purchased two years ago by the Beloit police department have been sold. They have been little used and given almost no practice in recent months.

Orders Verdict Cut.
Racine.—In the breach of promise suit on Mary Stafka, 60, against John Kucera, 70, Judge Beiden found the verdict of \$1,250 excessive and reduced the amount to \$650.

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Madison.—Albert Levinson of Superior was found guilty in federal court here of receiving stolen property, consisting of forty-eight bags of grain, and was sentenced to one year in the federal prison.

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The natives of Guatemala are expert toymakers, and it is probable that they will get more of the business formerly taken care of by European nations.

Five cans of tomatoes per capita is the report for the present season in the United States, and this does not include the millions of the fruit preserved in private houses.

A Milwaukee architect is drawing plans for a schoolhouse at Port Edwards, Wis., which will have a classroom with a floor inclined like that of a theater, a stage 16 feet deep and a proscenium arch 12 feet high and 18 feet wide. At the rear of this classroom will be a booth for a moving picture machine.

A total of 67,672 blind persons was in the United States in 1910, as figured by the census bureau. The total blind persons in the world is estimated at 2,390,000.

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More than 23 per cent of the population of the United States live in cities of 100,000 or more, ten per cent in cities ranging from 25,000 to 100,000, while more than 15 per cent live in cities of 2,500 to 25,000.

Hong-Kong has a wireless station with a radius of from 500 to 700 miles in day, and more than 1,300 miles at night.

Indiana Man Sent to Jail.
London, Dec. 15.—A man figure of Arthur Francis of Indianapolis was sentenced to serve nine months in prison for defrauding British soldiers. He is said to be a deserter from the U. S. army.

National Leaguers in Rally.
New York, Dec. 15.—Winter baseball activities were inaugurated with the annual meetings of the International and National Leagues. Edward W. Barnum opened the meeting.

Freedom for Turk Women.
Berlin, Dec. 15.—Turkey's participation in the war is bringing a greater degree of freedom to the Turkish women. The Turkish ministry announces that women are to be employed in the money-order post offices.

One Killed in Ship Blast.
South Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 13.—One workman was killed and seven others injured by an explosion in the plant where the Bethlehem Steel company was making shell fuses for the entente allies of Europe.

Wilson Gives Pin to Fiancee.
Washington, Dec. 14.—President Wilson went motoring with his fiancée, Mrs. Norman Galt, to discuss plans for the wedding ceremony. Mrs. Galt is wearing a bar pin of diamonds, the gift of the president.

Munday Asks for New Trial.
Morris, Ill., Dec. 15.—Attorneys for C. B. Munday, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the LaSalle Street Trust and Savings bank of Chicago, filed a written motion for a new trial, citing 35 reasons why it should be given.

Boy Drowned in Lake.
Mason City, Ia., Dec. 12.—While looking at the comical section of a Sunday newspaper Henry Thomas, aged twelve, stepped into an air hole on Clear lake and was drowned. The body was recovered.

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TOO MUCH EDUCATION AS READ AS TOO LITTLE

Luther Burbank says that over education is bad for children. It is his belief that the wrecking of the nation's youth systems of education is not infrequent. Mr. Burbank is not a talkative person. When he does express an opinion it is received with respect. Occasionally there is something told of the phenomenon of over education, and it is not surprising that it is made of admitting him without waiting for him to grow.

From time to time there is a picture printed of an extraordinary gift who chatters in six or eight languages, a short-hand expert, a philosophical adept, reads Sanskrit or music with equal facility. The mother of this prodigy pleads guilty of having been the teacher, and the father of this prodigy pleads guilty of having been the parent who may cause the household cluttered up with freak kids.

Happily these extremes are rare. The normal boy or girl is able to face the requirements of school, and the requirements are losing the old rigidity that once made them divided. Yet there are children urged beyond their capacity, and the injury done them is deep, and in its effects lasting—*Castellani News.*

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

The question of what children should read is one that troubles a good many parents and they find difficulty in solving the problem. Are they to let the youngsters choose for themselves, or are they to impose upon the faculty that, at least, books permitted to be on the library shelves will not harm them, are they to follow the advice of the various persons—teachers and others—who write "guides" to children's reading, or should they personally inform themselves about the books that come into the hands of the youngsters before the latter have read it?

Probably a majority contend themselves with a more or less superficial inspection of the juvenile literature that reaches their children's eyes; this for lack of time for their inspection and for want of knowledge as to what is really good for the young reader. If they are reading people themselves they know a certain classic works that all children should read, but they are apt to find that these are cast aside by the youngsters for the latest books, and they are in a quandary as to what to do.

One thing they become sure of and that is that it is a story that pleases, the children must have stories.

As many books are being bought at this time of the year, the Library Commission of the Boy Scouts has proposed to the retail book trade that the first week in December shall be a "week of the child" and that the books that are being bought be put into the hands of the children. Several agencies for the distribution of literature have approved the plan and it seems a wise one. It will involve a selection in each establishment by some intelligent, well informed person who can give definite information to purchasers as to the character of every book—a desirable thing in such a department at any time, for a large portion of buyers are dependent on the word of the salesman in selecting juvenile books.

The difficulty is not that any of the books are vicious or immoral, but many of them are so lame as to be worthless, while others are such overdrawn and exaggerated representations of boys' doings as to create wrong ideas of life and so do much mischief. It is well that a systematic effort is being made to weed out the trash from the better class of books and the movement should meet with the co-operation of all the people concerned in getting good literature into the children's hands—in Indianapolis Star.

Gasoline

I used to pay the grocer's bill when it was due, and in the butcher's yard, the coin I promptly threw. But now in the long green and mean, to get my good long green, for every dollar that I own, I need for gasoline. My children used to wear good shoes, they held their heads up high; no leaky shoes exposed their toes, no rents could you see. But now their images of woe, they're blotting out the scene; for every cent I get must go to buy some gasoline. I use to often blow a plunk at charity's best, to give some worn-out boot which his bones might rest. To furnish breakfast for some boy, road-weary starved and lean, but now my dollars all must go to purchase gasoline. I used to take books and art, and copies of the cartoon, but since I bought that choicest car, I've "motored" on the brain. I cannot even spare a dime to buy a magazine, but it keeps me hustling all the time, to buy my gasoline.

Christmas at Kellner.

The Sunday School of the First Lutheran church at Kellner will render its Christmas program on Monday evening, next at 7:30 o'clock.

BABCOCK

Mr. Elmer Babcock and sons have returned from Minnesota where they have been dredging the past summer. Nellie Ward came home to spend the holidays.

Mr. Hiram Kellner is very ill being confined to his bed in the City Hotel. He is one of the village's oldest citizens and was working on the pile driver on our new bridge when taken sick.

Misses Agnes and Evelyn Miller are visiting relatives in La Crosse and Minneapolis.

Mr. Wm. Stout is confined to his home not being able to make his daily trip down town as he used to.

Several of our men went down to Needah last Tuesday to help fight fire but got there late as the town was all burned when they arrived.

The school entertainment will be given at the hall Thursday evening. The children are practicing and every one is expected to be present.

Mr. Kate McLaughlin is on the sick list. She is that to be sick due to inhaling gas from a coal stove.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Karbowksi are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy.

Christmas bells are ringing and soon we will be hearing wedding bells.

Mr. Hiram Kellner arrived at the bedside of his sick husband Monday coming from Minnesota where he had gone a few days previous to visit her sister.

A new player piano was installed in the home of Gus Gimbes last week.

Mr. R. E. Tubbers and son are visiting at her home in Illinois.

Mrs. E. Van Wormer visited at New Lisbon last Saturday.

1916 Memo Books

We have again secured a supply of those popular vest pocket memorandum books.

They contain calendars for 1916 and 1917—maps of the U. S. and Wisconsin—latest census returns and much other valuable information, besides the memo blanks. They are useful for both men and women. Call and get one or send for it.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Mueller were called to Oconto Falls on account of the death of Mrs. Mueller's sister-in-law.

Miss Louise Kurtz is home from Pittsville where she attends school. They are having a two weeks vacation now.

Miss Margarette Howitt closed her school Friday night for a two weeks vacation with a Christmas program and a tree.

Mrs. Wm. Martin visited one day last week with Mrs. John Kurtz.

Mrs. Gust. Gronemeyer was surprised by a number of her neighbors who came in to help her celebrate her birthday. A most pleasant time was enjoyed by all present. They departed for home washing Mrs. Gronemeyer many returns of the day.

TOWN OF HILES

Mr. Dowd spent a few days at the Pleasant View farm getting home wood for the winter.

Mr. Frank Wallace is keeping his engine busy nowadays sawing wood. Cold weather is here at last.

Miss Wagnesson and Lulu Nelson spent Sunday at the Arthur Graft home.

The Sunday school program of District 5 town of Hiles was held on Saturday evening, Dec. 18th. A short program was rendered to a large audience. All the children were anxious to see Santa Claus.

Miss Lulu Nelson attended the Reading Circle at Pittsville on Saturday, Dec. 11th.

A number of boys and girls and their teacher met Wednesday night to string popcorn for the Christmas tree.

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